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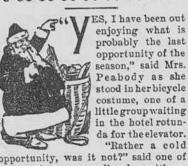
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OH, THIS DEAR OLD MERRY CHRISTMAS! WAS THERE EVER SUCH A TIME!

2-06-96-96-96-96-96-96-96 MRS. PEABODY'S SOLITAIRES.

By Antoinette Van Hoesen Wakeman. g\_96 96 96 <del>96 96 96</del> 96 8°



enjoying what is probably the last opportunity of the season," said Mrs. Peabody as she stood in her bicycle | gave her presents, how much she wantlittle group waiting in the hotel rotunda for the elevator.

"A little fresh, but I can't let my

smiling she stepped lightly, but with quiet dignity, into the elevator.

"That's a woman in ten thousand," said the gentleman who had spoken to Mrs. Peabody.

"Yes," said his companion. "The worldly Mrs. Peabody, as her family and friends half in jest, half seriously, call her, is an exceptional woman. Her son Harry is 40. But years don't count when a woman is as charming as Mrs. Peabody. Give me a worldly woman of the right sort every time. It will be

the Elysian fields." "You're right. Didn't she look a When

picture, though, in that natty bicycle reached

herself in the circling window of her as it wit sitting-room. It was one of the hand- on a mi somest apariments in the notel and its

water, shore and distant city. Al-though the holidays were near at hand bring; though the holidays were near at hand fall in large, far-apart flakes that poised What good at all are you if you're always and fluttered in the air as if determined to finish some eerie game before permitting themselves to sink finally. As she took up some gold and green satin which she was fashioning into a gorgeous sofacushion, she caught a glimpse of the marvelous picture which wracking silver-gray clouds, bits of sky, the water and floating snow were forming



MRS. PEABODY FOUND NORA.

from shore to sky line, and she paused and enjoyed it as only a person gifted with fine appreciation could. Mrs. Peabody knew that she possessed this gift and she never attempted to belittle or exceed it. Her appreciation of the efforts of others was cordial and intelligent and wholly unmixed with a weak desire to imitate them.

For this reason she was a favorite with artists, musicians and literary workers, who valued her opinion and

Peabody, but quite one of themselves. OHIO, INDIANA, ILLINOIS Still, Mrs. Peabody was a society woman to the end of her finger tips. She I'll do so before I look over the evening would no more have missed a social function from choice than she would perfect taste, I want to know what she have broken the decalogue, and she thinks of these as a Christmas gift for certainly would not have done that, for my best girl? Will they suit her? I've she was not only a member of one of only taken them on approval," and he the most fashionable Presbyterian handed her a dainty open case in which churches in the city, but her husband were a pair of brilliant and exquisite- on the floor to do so, because the chairs she lived the religion she professed. best house in the city. This latter Indeed she was in all things wholly sin- fact, the "hallmark," meant much to cere. There was not even in her youth- Mrs. Peabody, for nothing but the best ful appearance a single note of arti-

> The Peabodys were not rich, but they of life. On the wall above Mrs. Pea- face glowing with pleasure. body's work table was one of Cazin's vivid yet delicately ideal interpreta- don't know how they suit me," she tions of nature. Further on was a continued, as she adjusted the beausmall Corot, a brilliant bit of Vibert's tiful gems and viewed her reflected realism, a Landseer, a Gibson girl and self with the utmost satisfaction. a gay, impossible poster, for Mrs. Peavery much which she did not have, and mirror,

handsome than fine gems, and the small, vacant punctures were an everpresent thorn in the rose of her satisfacshe was never weary of attending. She would not have told just how it was that desiring them so much she had always missed having them, but so it was. As she sat stiching she found herself wondering if possibly the coveted solitaires might not be among her Christmas gifts. She had confided to an intimate 'riend, with whom Mr.

costume, one of a ed them. Asshe sat sewing and thinking there care a soft knock at the door followed by the announcement: "It is just Annie, Mrs. Peabody. It's opportunity, was it not?" said one of as she cam in. "It's very bad she is. the gentlemen, regarding her with re- mum. The loctor says she must have a operation hat costs a dale of money, have her lestook off or die. Nora says youth slip from me unimproved," and she will go Heaven on the two legs of

Peabody invariably consulted when he

the right sort every time. It will be ful as a pai of her window picture, was time enough for angels when we reach | making a nost disagreeable slush on the streets;

When irs. Peabody and Annie reached to tenement where Nora lived, and the mounting the stairs, they In the meantime Mrs. Peabody had heard a veing melodious voice singing donned a modish house gown and seated to the selkes and clicks of a flatiron It Was Genuine, and Made His sed and placed and replaced

windows commanded a superb view of Just work and be merry and drink of your

the first snow was just beginning to It's to-day my laddie, that's havin' its

For carin' it is that leads to despairin'." "I wonder who that philosopher is?" said Mrs. Peabody. "That's Biddie Sullivan. She's always

a singin' to keep them cheered." "She is Nora's aunt, isn't she?" "No, just a friend from the old country as always lives with them." "And she supports them?"

"Yes, what else could she be doin' under the circumstances?" Mrs. Peabody found Nora not only very ill, but wholly determined not to have her limb amputated. To all that she could say Nora persistently declared: "It's me two legs I'll be takin' to

Heaven wid me, mum, I'll never be after carrying a stump around wid me." "Don't be too sure," said Biddie Sullivan. "It may be to the bad place you'll quotin' the Holy Schriptures: 'If yer

be taken' the two legs of ye. It was only last Sunday that Father Maloney said, leg be bad cut it off and cast it from ye, for it's better to be halted and maimed than havin' two legs all right to go to hell." But it was all to no purpose. Nora was obdurate. Mrs. Peabody saw several physicians and found that nothing but a difficult

operation which could not be underaken for less than \$500 could save both the girl's life and limb and she determined if possible to have it performed. To that end she asked her husband if he thought they could spare \$500 to help some one in great need, and he had replied: "I think not this year, my dear.

never knew more trying times. I have even withdrawn my subscription from the Relief and Aid.'

It was but three days until Christmas. The weather was cold, crisp and fine. Mrs. Peabody had all her gifts ready and everything seemed to promise an unusually pleasant holiday sea-son. But a cloud which constantly obtruded itself on Mrs. Peabody was the thought of the little household where Nora waited for death, and/brave, faithful Biddle Sullivan was at her washtub and ironing board, early and late, regarded her not as the worldly Mrs. to keep the wolf from the door.

"I've decided to take you into my confidence," said Mr. Peabody, "and I think paper. As the worldly Mrs. Peabody has was one of its elders, and in her way ly matched solitaires, from the very from the best satisfied her fastidious taste.

"How very beautiful! Ah, how good were able to have many of the luxuries you are, Erastus!" she exclaimed, her

"I have wanted them so long. You

"They do suit you," said Mr. Peabody, body's appreciation was of the all- regarding her admiringly. Then sudaround kind. Still, there were some denly the light went out of Mrs. Pea-Descriptive Pamphlets to any Station things which Mrs. Penhody wanted, body's face and she turned from the

one of them was a pair of diamond "Erastus," she said, "don't think me solitaires. Her ears had been pierced rude, but will you tell me how much

"Certainly, Josephine, just an even snake on bed! Awful snake! Bigges"

and give me the price of one," and she explained that she proposed to have the was out of bed. For the first time in years she kissed Mr. Gilgal. "You dear, dear old fellow!" she cried. "Trying to surprise me, weren't



'ARE YOU SURE YOU ARE SATISFIED TO DO THIS?"

operation performed which would restore Nora, "and you take the price of the other and renew your subscription to the Relief and Aid." calculably strong. Besides did she not know her boy had been foretold by the "But, my dear, you say you have angel? "Thou shalt call His name

wanted a pair of solitaires for a long Jesus, because He shall save His people time," said Mr. Peabody. from their sins." She might not love "And haven't I had them?" asked Him the more because of His illustrious Mrs. Peabody.

"But you are sure you are satisfied to "Entirely sure."

"And this is the 'worldly Mrs. Pea-

body," said her husband, putting his arm about her.
"Yes, it is," she said, throwing back when she was a child. She never would her head and smiling. "I am worldly have thought of wearing anything less I love the world, and I was never happier in it than I am just now." "It was for love of the world," said

Mr. Peabody, softly, as he bent and tion as she viewed herself costumed kissed his wife, 'that the Christ whose and ornamented for the many functions | birth we celebrate came to teach, suffer and die among us."

UNDER THE MISTLETOK.

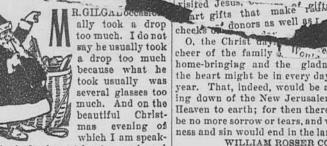


"None but the brave deserve the fair." -Once a Week.

That Was His Idea. "Look here, Mr. Hojack," said Mrs. Hojack, "I'd like to know why you asked me what I wanted for a Christmas present, if you intended to get something entirely different?" "I wanted to surprise you, dear," was

day, day of all days in the calendar. Hojack's unsatisfactory reply .- N. Y. How hearts glow on this day and warm each to the other. How strifes and bitternesses end, and all cares, from with-MR. GILGAL'S SURPRISE.

wings and fly far away. How self is swallowed in love for those about one, Christmas Pleasant and all become, like the Magi who



which I am speaking he had taken at least enough, and a drop extra for good measure. Good measure, poured down and hiccoughing over.

Mr. Gligal had purchased a beautiful ten-foot feather boa for his wife's Christmas present. Not so much as a surprise as a peace-offering. For Mr. Gilgal had the wisdom of the serpent. In fact he was pretty near the stage when he would have the serpents minus the wisdom. Mrs. Gilgal had been unusually severe

of late, and had said several things



I do not beg a diamond clear To sparkle on my breast. "YOU DEAR, DEAR OLD FELLOW. more just than kind in a tone that failed to remind Mr. Gilgal of the voice of the

dove he had courted and won. It reminded him more of a man filing a buzz saw. On this account Mr. Gilgal deemed it wise to make his wife a present, and after purchasing the boa and taking several more glasses of liquid wobble he hailed a cab and drove home. Mrs. Gilgal was already in bed sleeping the sleep of innocence, and Mr. Gilgal craftily laid the boa on the foot of the bed in a beautiful waving length. Then he got into bed and tried to sleep. He could not. Either his conscience or his shoes disturbed him, and he arose to take off the latter. He sat

were behaving awkwardly. When he regained his feet and started toward the bed he suddenly stopped. "M'ria," he said, in an agitated whis-"M'ria; get up 'f you value y'r

Mrs. Gilgal did not deign to open her

"Come to bed, you old idiot," she said. "M'ria, my dear wife," said Mr. Gilgal, very impressively. "Y'r life's in I tell you, life in danger. Ge' danger. up 'mediately. F'r my sake, M'ria, do

ge' up!"
"Come to bed and be still," she cried. Mr. Gilgal slowly backed away from the bed. His eyes were very large and he was perspiring freely. He tried to be caim, and as he backed toward the door, keeping he eve on the hoa.

"I wish," said the minister's son sadly, "that people wouldn't give pa slippers for Christmas."—N. Y. World.

he said in a voice of agony: "M'ria, 's snake ever see! 'M goin' for p'lice-

"Erastus, will you take them back | man!"

the Christian Calendar.

abroad, angels from Heaven bearing

plains of Salem and the wise men of

the east and all of them entered the lit-

tle caravansary of the village of Bethle-

hem, and saw the babe and its mother

lying down in the same room where

were the camels and horses and oxen of strangers, who had come up to

Jerusalem to be taxed. Angels sang

the praises of the newly born and a new

star appeared in the sky. The wise men

brought gifts and laid them at the feet

This was the first Christmas and

Mary was the first person in all the world to receive a Christmas gift, and

hers was infinitely greater in value

than all combined, that have been since

received by all the people who have lived or died. Her gift, the Christ-

child; she honored above all the wom-en who have lived or died, in being made

the mother of Him who should "be

called Jesus, because He shall save His

The angel song to the shepherds had

for its burden "peace to men of good will." One could scarcely think of a

Christmas that is other than gladsome and joyous. The clouds may be thick

overhead, while in north countries the

earth may have a sheet of snow, and in the southlands there may be thunder

and rain. But there are warmth, sun-

light and gladness in the heart-the

best place in all the world for them. In

the heart birds sing carol songs of joy;

in the heart flowers bloom, leaves are

out upon the trees and velvety grass

O, the Christmas tide-Christ's birth-

out and from within, take on quick

art gifts that make ralfts-g

home-bringing and the gladness of

the heart might be in every day of the

year. That, indeed, would be a bring-

ing down of the New Jerusalem from

be no more sorrow or tears, and wicked-

IT MADE HIM HOT.

Santa Claus-There, confound those

hard-coal burners! I've singed my

whiskers and ruined another suit of

Mr. Kink's Preference.

turkeys, you know."-N. Y. World.

A Husband's Plen.

I ask not gold nor gems, my dear,

Nor robes from Persian chest:

But from your heart, O, give to me,

Preparing for the Best.

doorway and on every chandelier."-

Holiday Troubles.

The Tempter.

its usual place; what is the matter?

Disproportionate.

To buy these things the lass so folly

Now to the Christmas mart doth go-A quarter's worth of shining holly; Four dollars' worth of mistletoe.

Insight.

Their Thoughtless Gifts,

just like you."-Chicago News.

That I can use myself,

airily about the house.

Detroit Free Press.

Chicago Record.

Santa Claus yet?'

to-Date.

"And what is that?"

'short your store of pelf, wee, small gift-whate'er it be-

-Chicago Record.

clothes .- Chicago Inter Ocean.

aged negro.

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Heaven to earth; for then there would

ness and sin would end in the land.

people from their sins."

covers the hills.

O, the Christ on

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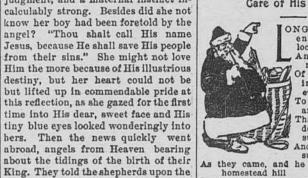
there fell upon the ears of a very

With Bood's Sarsapa rilla, "Sales Talk," and show that this medicine has enjoyed public confidence patronage to a greater extent than and ed any other proprietary medicine. is simply because it possesses gr Mr. Gilgal smiled sheepishly. "S'prised you, didn' I?" he said, "I merit and produces greater cures any other. It is not what we say, sh'd shay so! Why, s'prised myself!"
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tradition attaches to her most excellent Aged or Young, the Shepherd Hath judgment, and a maternal instinct in-Care of His Sheep.



ONG years had whit-ened the flowing locks, And wrinkled the ruddy skin, Of the old man wait-ing on Christmas eve To welcome his kith To welcome his kith and kin.
Thro' the wide-flung door streamed a sudden flame
And the walls gleamed

As they came, and he cried: "Oh! the, Is steep and rugged as life, but skill, And courage, and patience, and care, and will, Must win to the fountain head.

Yet the soul that triumphs is strong, cried he, "As strong as the Saviour of Galilee."

green,
Its gardens and pastures fair.
Though the road that leads to these grateful spots
Be winding, and rough, and steep;
Where the oak has toppied, the blue-bells when the thrush is silent the pheasants

drum, And the brook will sing when the birds are dumb—
The Shepherd inspires His sheep.
There's beauty and gladness for all who With the vision of Jesus of Galilee."



AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

shan with its shell must keep. Man only abroad may fare He needs no castle, nor cave in the cliff, He conquers the elements all, He wrenches the mountain asunder, the Of the widest ocean he makes his slave, He scoffs at fears and he mocks the grave When he answers that one brave call— That one brave call: 'Come, follow thou

And he conquers with Jesus of Galilee." 'O the lowland sweet, where the bob-olink reels Through his tangle of tipsy tunes,

Where the bees dive deep in the clover And the ring-dove coos and croons; love it-love it with all my heart," Cried the daughter, a blue-eyed maid. "My limbs grow never a-weary, I run To the hill's brown crest where I dance in the sun
Till the earth and the sea and the sky are

(And she tossed her yellow braid). He taught us that beauty is best," cried 'And I worship with Jesus of Galilee." 'See, grandpa, my dolly is ready for bed, You must take us, and rock her to sleep."

And the old man said, as he lifted the

"The Shepherd hath care of His sheep. Be ye aged or young, be xe weak or strong.
The end of it all is this—
You may loiter or climb—if the way you go Be warm with roses or bleak with snow. However you boast, the all you may know Is—a doil and a good-night kiss. 'Ho, suffer the children to come unto Me.

CHARLES EUGENE BANKS

Her First Christmas Pudding. "Well, Uncle Ebenezer, will you have Once a bride, unused to cooking, made an Xmas pudding rare, And in weight, at least, no pudding ever turkey or chicken for your Christmas dinner?" asked Mr. Gildersleeve of the did with it compare.

Then the bride unused to cooking bowed I prefer chicken, sah," replied Mr. her weary head and cried;
But her cheerful husband whispered: "Nevernind, my precious bride,
It is just the thing I needed; we will yet Kink, who then added, reflectively: 'Den none ob my neighbors don't keep

outwit the fates!' And he cut it up in segments which he used A Good Guess. "I'm opposed to horse racing.

think the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals should step in and put a stop to it." 'Well, old man, I'm sorry for you That's all I caf say,"

"Sorry for me? What do you mean?" "There's only one thing that I insist "Oh, of course you had your money apon," said Miss Elderly as she skipped on the wrong horse." "I want mistletoe placed over every

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Said Santa Claus on Christmas eye, In jolly, good, fat glee: "To judge by all these stockings here They've turned the hose on me

PRAYERS MEANT TO BE ANSWERED.

"What do you intend to get your hus-band for a Christmas gift?" "I can't make up my mind whether to give him lace curtains, a dinner set, new 1 Ual portieres or a drawing-room clock."-George-I do not see the mistletoe in Bess-Papa could not afford it this year. But I am wearing in my hair the ribbon it used to be tied up with.-Up-"Tommy, have you dreamed about "Yes, papa; and he was bow-legged "I wish," said the minister's son sad-Visitor (to little tot- Do you say your prayers every night?

Little Tot-I do now, 'cause it's jes' 'fore Christmas !- N. Y. Tribune

COMMISSIONERS SALE OF VALUE A decree of the United States Circuit Court Tfor the Western District of Virginia, entered at the October term, thereof, held at Johnson vs. The Southern Building and Loan Association of Knoxville, Tennessee we shall, as Special Commissioners appointed by said decree for the purpose, of-

ises, at 2 o'clock p. m., on TUESDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 1898, the following described real estate situated

in the town of Graham, Virginia, to-wit: (1.) Lot 7, block 41, on map of Graham Land and Improvement Co. This property is known as the Mrs. Z. E. Yost lot. son, Muscogee county, Ga., sold 120 copies the first five days he canvassed. H. C. was purchased by the Southern Polltham sheets, Palo Pinto county, Tex., worked a and Loan Association under foreclosure few hours and sold 16 copies, mostly morocco binding. J. H. Hanna, Gaston county, N. C., made a month's wages in

(2.). The C. W. Schaffer residence. This property adjoins C. M. Brown, Q. Morgan and John Lilly, as per map of R. L. Gillespie. It was purchased by the Southern Building and Loan Association under foreclosure proceedings. TERMS OF SALE-Cash as to one-fourth of the purchase price and for the residue

thereof the purchaser shall execute his bonds in three equal installments at six, twelve and eighteen months, with interest from date, the title to the property to be retained as ultimate security until all the purchase money is paid, and the purchaser to have the privilege of anticipating the payment of the whole or any part of the bonds given for the deferred payments. J. R. MILLER,

II. PEYTON GRAY, Nov. 13, 1897. Commissioners.

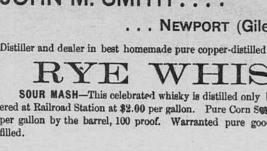
I, I. C. Fowler, clerk of the United States district court for the Western district of Virginia, at Abingdon, Va., do hereby certify that J. R. Miller and H. Peyton Gray, commissioners in the cause of Linda H. Johnson vs. The Southern Building and Loan Association of Knoxville, Tennessee, have executed the bonds required of them as commissioners under decree of the 30th day of October, 1897. I. C. FOWLER. Clerk of the Circuit Court of the U. S. for

the Western District of Virginia at Ab-

Notice.

All persons, whomsoever, are hereby notified and warned not to ride, haul or walk across or otherwise trespass on my premises, especially those leased to John and Cosby Bowman; for the law against all such will be rigidly enforced. WM. G. W. IAEGER.





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